

Geauga County General Health District
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
Geauga County Health District Office
470 Center Street, Bldg. 8, Chardon, OH 44024

I. Call to Order

Mr. J. David Benenati, President, called the monthly meeting of the Geauga County Board of Health to order at 7:10 p.m.

Board members present: Mr. J. David Benenati, Mr. Richard Lang, Dr. Donald Bowers, Ms. Melanie Eppich, and Mr. Timothy Goergen.

Staff members present: Robert Weisdack, Health Commissioner; Dan Mix, Personal Health Services Director; Michael Tusick, R.S., and Alta Kress, Administrative Assistant.

Others present: There were three others present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Benenati asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Lang moved to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2009 regular meeting. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

IV. Financial Report / Current Expenses

Mr. Lang moved to approve the Current Expenses January 13, 2009 to February 10, 2009. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

V. Environmental Health Program Update

Mr. Weisdack read the proposed increases for the state mandated programs. These increases are from the state level. Once the increases are effective, the Health District will pass the cost along to the operators of those programs.

A. Sewage Rules Update

There is nothing new to report on the sewage rules. It is anticipated that the law will become effective in July 2009.

VI. Personal Health Services Update

Mr. Weisdack introduced Dan Mix who was recently appointed as Personal Health Services Director.

Mr. Mix reported that Jay Becker, the new Disease Surveillance Specialist is settling into his role quite well. Mr. Beck recently contacted all practicing Geauga County physicians and provided them with updated forms, a general questionnaire and other general information regarding when illnesses must be reported to the Health District. He will also be visiting the physicians personally as a follow up.

Gauga County has had two confirmed cases of salmonella linked to the peanut product recalls. The website has been updated to provide residents access to the product recalls.

Mr. Mix stated that two online tools have been set up to enable the Health District to stay in communication with the public health preparedness contacts. An online call service can be triggered from anywhere by accessing the system, recording a message and selecting the audience. The other tool is a fax service that works in a similar manner. We recently had the opportunity to test the fax system. The targeted audience received the fax simultaneously. This cost us a total of \$6.65 for the service to send to 187 physicians. We previously had sent a fax to the same audience and incurred long distance charges in the amount of \$36.00.

Beginning January 2009, the IAP budget has been increased from \$20,000.00 to \$34,000.00.

Mr. Mix stated that he is still awaiting word on the future of the CFHS grant. CFHS will become changed to Women and Children's Safety Net. The objective will be changing from a hands-on service to an education and referral system. This change in objective will not address the needs of Geauga County's Amish population. It appears that the Health District may need to refund over \$5000.00 due to an oversight by the project director for CFHS. A budget revision was not submitted and was subsequently disallowed by the State. Mr. Mix stated that he has appealed the decision and expects to have a response soon.

The Help Me Grow grant will be supervised by ODH for the 2009-2010 grant year, but will be shifted to the Department of Education in 2010-2011. The Health District performs newborn home visits and provides educational materials and referrals to the parents. This will discontinue in June 2009. We currently receive \$130.00 per home visit.

A. WIC

The WIC caseload is currently at 897 clients. A request for additional funds has been requested to cover unforeseen expenses related to the increased caseload.

B. Health Education

WIC has declined a mini-grant, which would be used to teach food education in local schools. We previously accepted this grant, but found that the \$900.00 that was received to administer it was not enough for the amount of work involved.

VII. Variances

A. Andrew Lenhart

Andrew Lenhart was present and sworn in by Mr. Benenati. Mr. Tusick was sworn in by Mr. Benenati.

Mr. Tusick stated that this was a variance request by Andrew Lenhart for the property located at 18445 Snyder Rd., Bainbridge Twp. The request involves section 3701-28-10(E) of the Private Water System Rules which requires a 10 foot isolation distance to a building. (Written background information was provided to the Board for consideration in this case) Discussion followed.

Mr. Lang moved to approve the variance as requested. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

VIII. Administrative Hearings

A. Al Crow

Mr. Crow was not present. Mr. Weisdack was sworn in by Mr. Benenati and stated his experience. Deputy Mike Matsik, Solid Waste Enforcement Officer was also present and sworn in by Mr. Benenati.

Mr. Weisdack stated that this is an alleged code violation to the property owned by Mr. Al Crow located at 10986 E. Washington St., Bainbridge Twp. This case is in regards to the following sections of the Ohio Administrative Code:

OAC 3745-27-05(C) Open dumping of solid wastes: No person shall conduct, permit, or allow open dumping. In the event that open dumping is occurring or has occurred at a property, the person(s) responsible for the open dumping, the owner of the property, or the person(s) who allow or allowed open dumping to occur, shall promptly remove and dispose or otherwise manage the solid waste in accordance with Chapter 3734, of the Revised Code, and shall submit verification that the solid waste has been properly managed.

OAC 37-27-54(A)(1) Failure to register as a scrap tire transporter: Any person transporting scrap tires in Ohio shall comply with the registration requirements of this rule, with the standards for transportation of scrap tires in rule 3745-27-57 of the Administrative Code. Specific exclusions in paragraph (A)(2) of this rule apply only to the requirement to register as a scrap tire transporter and do not exclude anyone from the requirement to comply with the standards for transportation of scrap tires and the use of shipping papers.

OAC 3745-27-56(A) Failure to use shipping papers: Any person transporting scrap tires in Ohio shall comply with the standards for transportation of scrap tires in this rule and the use of shipping papers in rule 3745-27-57 of the Administrative Code. Discussion followed.

Mr. Lang moved that a code violation exists at the property owned by Al Crow/Midwest Land Partners located at 10986 E. Washington St., Bainbridge Twp. Dr.

Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

Ms. Eppich moved that the owner be required to provide proper shipping receipts to Avalon Auto of the dates for the tires were picked up, remove the tires stored in trailers by a registered tire transporter, and properly dispose of the tires at a registered scrap tire facility. The owner must provide shipping papers and the final destination receipts of where the tires were taken. All this must be completed within 30 days of receipt of Board order. Failure to do so will result in referral to the prosecutor's office for legal action.

Mr. Goergen seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

B. Roberto & Tara Catalano & Kenneth Meyers

Roberto Catalano and Michael Yelnick were present and sworn in by Mr. Benenati. Mr. Weisdack was sworn in again by Mr. Benenati.

Mr. Weisdack stated that this is an alleged code violation to the properties owned by Roberto & Tara Catalano, 13123 Marilyn Dr., Chester Twp. and Kenneth Meyers, 13487 Lakewood Dr., Chester Twp. Sewage Disposal System Regulations that states, "An evaluation of a residential sewage system must be completed prior to the transfer of ownership of any parcel with said system. The evaluation shall be conducted by a member of the Health District and if necessary corrective action(s) required shall be accomplished within the time period(s) directed." Discussion followed.

Mr. Lang moved that a code violation exists at the property owned by Roberto & Tara Catalano, 13123 Marilyn Dr., Chester Twp. and Kenneth Meyers, 13487 Lakewood Dr., Chester Twp. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

Dr. Bowers moved that Roberto & Tara Catalano, 13123 Marilyn Dr., Chester Twp. and Kenneth Meyers, 13487 Lakewood Dr., Chester Twp. be required to make application, pay for, schedule, and complete a For Sale of Property Evaluation and/or obtain the necessary permits and install a new sewage disposal system within 30 days of receipt of Board order. Failure to follow this order will result in referral to the Prosecutor's Office for legal action. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

IX. Old Business

There was no old business.

X. Executive Session

Mr. Lang moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss legal updates. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion approved with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes. Meeting reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

XI. New Business

Mr. Lang moved 2.09-1 to acknowledge the hiring of Dan Mix as PHS Director effective February 2, 2009 at his current salary rate. Mr. Mix will retain the position of Computer Specialist. There will be no salary increase upon successful 120-day probationary period. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

Mr. Lang moved 2.09-2 to approve the Maternity Licensure for UHHS Geauga Hospital Maternity Licensure for 2009-2010. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

Ms. Eppich moved 2.09-3 to approve the appointment of Linda Knell as the Health District representative to the Community Action Board. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

Mr. Lang moved 2.09-4 to approve the 2009 CRI Budget as presented. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

Ms. Eppich moved 2.09-5 to certify and appropriate CRI funds in the amount of \$27,833.00. Mr. Goergen seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

Ms. Eppich moved 2.09-6 to approve the 2009 MRC Budget as presented. Mr. Goergen seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

Mr. Goergen moved 2.09-7 to certify and appropriate MRC funds in the amount of \$10,000.00. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

Mr. Lang moved 2.09-8 to approve the 2009 Well Child Sliding Fee Scale as presented. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

Mr. Lang moved 2.09-9 to approve a 3% across the board salary Increases for the Health District staff effective Payroll #6. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

Ms. Eppich moved 2.09-10 to approve the payment of the maintenance contract with CHC Software for 2009 in the amount of \$2,518.87. Mr. Goergen seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

Mr. Weisdack briefly reviewed the 2010 Health District budget. The Board indicated that they approved of the budget and to present it to the preliminary HDAC budget meeting.

XII. Other Business

There was no other business.

XIII. Meetings

The regular meeting of the Board will be held Monday, March 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., 470 Center St., Bldg. 8, Chardon.

XIV. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board, **Mr. Lang moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K. Weisdack, R.S., M.A., M.P.H.
Secretary of the Board

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